

## **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:**

Please amend the specification as indicated:

Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following amended paragraph:

[0047] As mentioned above, FIG. 3 depicts a communication system 102 that incorporates teachings of the present disclosure. System 102 depicts two private networks 104 and 106 connected to a global communication network like Internet 108, a unified access operator 110, and two web based data services 112 and 114. Web based data service 112 includes a gateway 200 and a data store 210, and web based data service 114 includes a gateway 220 and data store 240. As depicted, private networks 104 and 106, access operator 110, and data services 112 and 114 are part of a federated network and share subscriber identity information, log in credentials, and log in state with one another across Internet 108. Various elements such as the laptop 22A and the network bridge 38A function as described above and are labeled with an "A" designation in order to be affiliated with the private network 106. Other elements such as laptop 24B and network bridge 38B also function as described above and are labeled with a "B" designation so as to be affiliated with the private network 104.